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SUBJECT: TRAINING FOR C-130 PILOTS

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1. BELIEVE WE CAN CLEAR UP CONFUSION ON REQUEST FOR C-130 TRAINING. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, UAE WASHINGTON EMBASSY CALLED ARP WITH REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON C-130"CONVERSION COURSE" FOR UAE PILOTS. SINCE UAE EMBASSY WAS SO COMPLETELY FUZZY ON DETAILS I.E., ENGLISH LANGUAGE QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE COURSE, CANDIDATES' FLYING EXPERIENCE, ETC., WE WERE FORCED TO ASK THE EMBASSY TO SECURE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS BEFORE PURSUING THE MATTER ANY FURTHER. THIS WAS THE LAST WE HEARD OF REQUEST. PRESUM-
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ABLY THIS INQUIRY IS SOURCE OF INACCURATE REPORT THAT UAE CANDIDATES WERE ASSURED ADMISSION TO A C-130 COURSE. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER UAE APPROACH ON C-130 TRAINING.

2. APPROPRIATE COURSES FOR C-130 PILOT CANDIDATES ARE FULLY BOOKED FOR FY 1977 AND THEREFORE FIRST AVAILABLE IN FY 78. DESPITE APPARENT LONG LEAD TIME, A PROMPT DECISION

ON THE PART OF UAE TO GO AHEAD WITH C-130 PILOT TRAINING
IN THE U.S. IS STILL IN ORDER. CANDIDATES FOR C-130

COURSE MUST PRESENT AN ECL SCORE OF 80 OR BETTER. THIS
IS A STIFF PREREQUISITE, ECL OF 70 IS NORMALLY SUFFICIENT,
AND CANDIDATES MUST ALSO BE QUALIFIED IN TECHNICAL
ENGLISH. IF CANDIDATES' ENGLISH IS AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL
ONLY "FAIR," THEN IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THEM TO ATTEND
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING AT LACKLAND. TO HELP EMBASSY
INFORM UAEG ORDER OF MAGNITUDE COSTS, ENGLISH LANGUAGE
TRAINING AT LACK LAND PRESENTLY COSTS DOLS 120 PER WEEK
PLUS APPROXIMATELY DOLS 160 ROOM, BOARD AND MEDICAL
COSTS EACH WEEK.

3. INITIAL C-130 COURSE LASTS SIX WEEKS AND FY 77 COSTS
ARE DOLS 18,330; FY 78 COSTS ARE LIKELY TO BE SOMEWHAT
HIGHER. CANDIDATES ALSO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COST OF ROOM
DOLS 42/WK, MAID SERVICE DOLS 28/WK, RATIONS APPROX DOLS
100/WK, MEDICAL FUND PAYMENTS DOLS 30/WK (MEDICAL PAY-
MENTS ARE REFUNDABLE IF NOT USED) PLUS 2 PERCENT FMS
CASE ADMINISTRATION FEE. C-130 COURSES ARE OFFERED AT
LITTLE ROCK AFB. PREREQUISITE FOR ADMISSION TO INITIAL
C-130 COURSE IS TO BE ON FLYING STATUS, I.E., ABLE TO
FLY COMPETENTLY CARIBOU OR OTHER SIMILAR TYPE AIRCRAFT,
ECL OF 80 PLUS BE A GRADUATE OF TECHNICAL ENGLISH COURSE
OFFERED IN LAST SEVERAL WEEKS OF ELI TRAINING AT LACKLAND,
AND BE PHYSICALLY QUALIFIED.

4. A FOLLOW ON COURSE IN TACTICAL MANUEVERING AND FLIGHT
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OF C-130 AIRCRAFT IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT LITTLE ROCK. THIS
COURSE COSTS DOLS 15,390 THIS YEAR, AND HAS AS A PRE-
REQUISITE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF INITIAL C-130 COURSE.
IT LASTS FIVE WEEKS.

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